

**JURY DUTY EXEMPTION AMENDMENTS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to exemptions from jury service.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a mother who is breastfeeding a child may be excused from jury service; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**78B-1-109**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **78B-1-109** is amended to read:

**78B-1-109. Excuse from jury service -- Postponement.**

(1) A ~~[person may be excused]~~ court may excuse an individual from jury service [by

29 ~~the court~~];

30 (a) upon a showing:

31 (i) of undue hardship~~];~~];

32 (ii) of public necessity~~];~~];

33 (iii) that the individual is a mother who is breastfeeding a child; or

34 (iv) that the ~~[person]~~ individual is incapable of jury service~~]. The excused period may~~  
35 ~~be~~]; and

36 (b) for any period for which the grounds described in Subsection (1)(a) exist.

37 (2) ~~[The grounds for excusal from jury service shall be shown]~~ An individual described  
38 in Subsection (1) shall make the showing described in Subsection (1)(a) by affidavit, sworn  
39 testimony, or other competent evidence.

40 (3) The court may postpone jury service upon a showing of good cause.